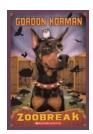
2012 Charlie May Simon and Diamond Book Award Winners

The Arkansas Department of Education, the Arkansas State Library, and the Arkansas Reading Association are pleased to announce the results of the voting for the 2012 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award and the 2012 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. Over 61,000 ballots have been cast and the results have been tabulated. The choice of the voting students is as follows:

CHARLIE MAY SIMON CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD



ZOOBREAK by Gordon Korman is the **Winner** of the 2011-2012 Charlie May Simon Children's Book Award. It was published by Scholastic, Inc. in 2009.

MUDSHARK by Gary Paulsen is the **Honor Book** for 2011-2012. It was published by Random House in 2009.



ARKANSAS DIAMOND PRIMARY BOOK AWARD



THE CIRCUS SHIP by Chris Van Dusen is the **Winner** of the 2011-2012 Arkansas Diamond Primary Book Award. It was published by Candlewick Press in 2009.

OTIS by Loren Long is the **Honor Book** for 2011-2012. It was published by Philomel in 2009.



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